

**This Report is devoted to summarizing data regarding members and endorsers of the John Birch Society.**

The first section concerns the number of JBS members.

The second section lists some of the more prominent members/endorsers of the Society

The third section is devoted to summarizing demographic information about JBS members.

The last section provides miscellaneous information about the JBS.

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Numerous historians, political scientists, and journalists have written articles or books or academic theses which purport to present fact-based references to the number of John Birch Society members. Most of these reports just repeat unreliable media estimates or absurd self-promoting public comments by JBS officials or, estimates appearing in publications by groups such as the Anti-Defamation League.

Much of the information which appears below is based upon confidential internal documentary evidence by senior JBS officials along with financial statements prepared by the Birch Society's CPA firm (Spark, Mann and Company) as well as annual financial statements which the JBS was required to submit to the Division of Charities/Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

One of the most common JBS membership estimates was as follows:

***"During the Cold War era, the right-wing John Birch Society had more than 100,000 dues-paying members"***

**By contrast, here is what Robert Welch reported in personal correspondence with JBS National Council members or in minutes of JBS National Council meetings:**

### **1959**

02/59 = first JBS recruitment meeting (to 100 people) at Oakley Country Club in Watertown, Massachusetts resulted in 10 chapters formed.

06/59 = 20 chapters

### **1960**

01/60 = 82 chapters and 1400 local chapter members plus 300 "Home Chapter" members

[NOTE: By June 24, 1960, there had been a total of 25 two-day introductory recruitment meetings held around the country]

04/60 = 150 chapters and 2800 members

09/60 = 324 chapters and 5300 members

12/60 = In the 12/60 *JBS Bulletin*, Robert Welch stated that JBS membership was doubling every 4 months. If we apply that formula to the 5300 members reported by Welch in 09/60, then that would mean that circa January 1961, the JBS probably had about 10,600 members.

[NOTE: the 1960 JBS financial statement filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts stated that the JBS had received \$198,719 in dues income. If we use an \$18 average per member, that would calculate to about 11,039 members by the end of 12/60 -- which is exceptionally close to the 10,600 extrapolation mentioned above since men paid \$24 yr and women paid \$12 yr]

## **1962**

In 1962 = the JBS reported on its annual financial statement that it received **\$296,326** in member dues income. That would calculate to about **16,462** members at an \$18 average.

[NOTE: A letter by JBS National Council member Tom Anderson to Verne Kaub dated 11/62 declared that there had been a **"70% growth of JBS"** between January and November 1962.

## **1964**

12/31/64 = The Birch Society's CPA firm (Spark, Mann and Company) reported that the JBS received **\$536,566.35** in member dues. Using the \$18 average, that would calculate to about **29,809** members.

## **1965**

A reporter asked Robert Welch about JBS membership numbers. Welch estimated the membership at **"60,000 to 100,000, and if you take a figure halfway between, you're probably right."** [*Washington Post*, 11/6/65, page B-2, Phil Casey: **"Welch Denies Birch Society Far Right, Declares It Keeps the People Informed."**].

NOTE: Welch's "half-way" reference would be consistent with the next item from *Chicago Daily News* but 80,000 cannot be supported by dues payment information submitted annually by the JBS to Massachusetts.

## **1965**

In an interview with Robert S. Boyd of the *Chicago Daily News*, Welch claimed that the Birch Society had 80,000 members in 5000 chapters. [Robert Boyd: **"\$5 Million Push in Birch Publicity—What It Buys"**; article reprinted in *San Francisco Chronicle*, 11/22/65, pages 1 and 8]

Note: the average JBS chapter was composed of 10 to 20 members

## **1967**

The 12/31/67 report made by the Birch Society's CPA firm (Spark, Mann and Company), stated that the JBS received **\$633,667.18** in member dues that year (the highest dues amount ever reported up to that time). Using an \$18 average, that would calculate to about **35,204 members**. Total income which the Society reported that year was \$4,258,000.

**The 35,204 estimate also seems to conform to the following information:**

The former Controller of the JBS (Thomas J. Davis) told a newspaper reporter in 1967 **"that the JBS had a membership of around 30,000 nationally, well below Robert Welch's estimates of between 65,000 and 80,000, with the bulk of the members concentrated in southern California, Texas and the southern gulf states."** [Milwaukee WI Journal, 5/15/68, page C-12, **"Do Birch Society Dropouts Point to Decline?"** ]

### **1968**

In a 1968 JBS publication entitled "Why Support the John Birch Society"? Robert Welch stated **"In fact, we have not yet climbed out of the 60,000-100,000 bracket which we have publicly acknowledged for about 2 years."**

### **1971**

The JBS CPA firm (Spark, Mann and Company) reported in its **12/31/71** financial statement that the JBS received **\$950,500.06** in member dues. Using an \$18 average, that would calculate to about **52,805** JBS members (*which I suspect may have been their high point -- during the time when so many Birchers were energized by the George Wallace campaign for President.*)

BTW, in a 1971 JBS publication, ["It's Time to Come Home"] Robert Welch wrote that: **"There are more than 50,000 people who joined the JBS at some time during the past 12 years who are no longer members...About 1000 did not prove to be desirable members. They were asked to resign and their names have been removed from our dormant list."**

### **1976**

In June 1976, an Associated Press reporter (quoting a JBS official at JBS HQ in Belmont, MA) stated that the JBS claimed it had formed 500 new chapters within the previous two years **for a total of 4,000 chapters**. Since a typical chapter was comprised of 10 to 20 members, then if we use the half-way point (15 members per chapter average), we can deduce that the JBS was claiming to have almost 60,000 "dues-paying members".

### **1983-1985**

Based upon financial statements of the JBS, the following are estimates of JBS membership based upon \$18 average dues payment.

1983 = \$673,304 in member dues would calculate to 34,405 members

1984 = \$750,409 in member dues would calculate to 41,689 members

1985 = \$622,333 in member dues would calculate to 34,574 members

### **1983**

Charles Armour, the JBS District Governor for Western States, stated that the JBS had between 40,000 and 80,000 members. [United Press International report dated 3/14/83].

### **1986**

In June, a JBS spokesman told a *New York Times* reporter that the JBS had **"several tens of thousands, not more than 50,000"** members. [New York Times, 9/1/86, page 24, "John Birch Society Has Money Woes"]

## **1991**

Tom Eddlem, the Research Director of the JBS, stated that:

**"Before last year, our membership was flat for three or four years, and before that it had been declining since about 1976, But we've seen a 50 percent to 60 percent increase in membership over the past six months compared to the same period last year."**

[United Press International report, 6/3/91, "***Birch Society Claims Gulf War Bolstered Membership***".]

## **1992**

A 1992 Report written by Charles J. Kraft (link below) was based upon discarded JBS mailing lists when the JBS moved its HQ from Belmont MA to Appleton WI. Using data from the mailing list, Kraft reported that JBS membership was down to **21,284**.

<https://archive.org/details/1992DemographicProfileOfBirchSocietyMembership>

### **Other relevant information from Kraft's report:**

#### **JBS members in specific locations:**

AK=76  
AL=459  
AR=148  
AZ=577  
CA=2648  
CO=590  
CT=118  
DC=6  
DE=20  
FL=1154  
GA=949  
HI=29  
IA=311  
ID=439  
IL=447  
IN=635  
KS=210  
KY=290  
LA=257  
MA=247  
MD=159  
ME=31  
MI=412  
MN=553  
MO=225  
MS=225  
MT=345  
NC=529  
ND=214

NE=421  
NH=71  
NJ=416  
NM=139  
NV=108  
NY=773  
OH=726  
OK=501  
OR=345  
PA=586  
RI=17  
SC=289  
SD=324  
TN=694  
TX=1232  
UT=516  
VA=235  
VT=0  
WA=873  
WI=605  
WV=23  
WY=98  
PR (Puerto Rico)=2

**Highest per capita membership (Top Ten States):**

SD (0.04570)  
ID (0.04399)  
MT (0.04265)  
ND (0.03185)  
UT (0.03071)  
NE (0.02641)  
WY (0.02000)  
WA (0.01924)  
CO (0.01790)  
AZ (0.01704)

**JBS members in Foreign locations= 58** (in descending order)

Canada=23  
Australia=5  
Virgin Islands=5  
Mexico=3  
West Germany=3  
Holland=2  
Belgium=2  
Switzerland=2  
Israel=2  
South Africa=2  
Honduras=1  
Ireland=1

Republic of Korea=1  
Spain=1  
Monaco=1  
Saudi Arabia=1

Based upon statistical sample of 905 members used by Kraft to analyze JBS membership, he concluded that men comprised 64% of membership and women comprised 36%.

2.2% of members consisted of joint (Mr. and Mrs.) members or family memberships.

There was a disproportionate incidence of physicians and dentists. In the general population, **.25%** are physicians vs. **.88%** in JBS sample.

### **1993-1997**

Former JBS member Alan Stang posted on his website a confidential internal JBS document which showed the active membership as follows:

<https://archive.org/details/JohnBirchSocietyDuesPayingMembers19931997>

1993 = 13,806  
1994 = 15,243  
1995 = 15,048  
1996 = 14,781  
1997 = 14,839

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS**

Many JBS members purchased "*lifetime*" memberships at \$1000 each. During the month of September 1967, for example, the JBS received \$24,360 for lifetime memberships. That same month, the JBS received \$110,251.82 in contributions and \$50,256.65 in member dues. The following month, the JBS received \$39,900 in lifetime memberships and \$130,189.34 in contributions.

#### **Robert Welch comment from 12/67 JBS Bulletin:**

"So—while we have had many instances where parents sent a check to make their child a Life Member the day the child was born, young Robert Buffington, who became a Life Member two months before he was born, holds the record so far."

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON JBS MEMBERSHIP

### PROMINENT JBS MEMBERS AND ENDORSERS

**NOTE:** It is not always known if someone whose name appeared on the JBS "*Committee of Endorsers*" OR whom, at some point, made public statements endorsing the JBS – might also have been an actual dues-paying member.

### DECEMBER 1958 FOUNDING MEMBERS OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The founding meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 8-9, 1958 at the home of Marguerite Dice.

T. Coleman Andrews (Richmond VA)

Laurence E. Bunker (Wellesley Hills MA)

William J. Grede (Milwaukee WI)

Fred C. Koch (Wichita KS)

W.B. McMillan (St. Louis, MO) – McMillan was the first person to become a JBS member after founder Robert Welch

Revilo P. Oliver (Urbana IL)

Louis Ruthenburg (Evansville IN)

Fitzhugh Scott, Jr. (Milwaukee, WI)

Robert W. Stoddard (Worcester, MA)

Ernest W. Swigert (Portland OR)

**[NOTE:** One other person (William R. Kent of Memphis TN) attended this meeting but he declined to become a founding member.]

## 1988 JBS NATIONAL COUNCIL

Asterisked \* names were on JBS Executive Committee

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Armour, Charles R.    | JBS President and CEO        |
| Adamson Jr., N.E.      |                              |
| Bennett, Ronald B.     |                              |
| *Binzel Jr., Philip E. |                              |
| Bubolz, G. Allen       |                              |
| Buffington, Robert H.  |                              |
| Busch Jr., William C.  |                              |
| Conner, Stillwell J.   |                              |
| Dunn Jr., E.D.         |                              |
| Gatsis, Andrew J.      |                              |
| Goehring, Clifford     |                              |
| Grede, William J.      |                              |
| *Grinnan, Joseph P.    |                              |
| Gunn, Norman           |                              |
| Hays, MacDonald H.     |                              |
| Hill, Thomas N.        |                              |
| *Lewis, Clyde R.       |                              |
| Owen, Russell A.       |                              |
| *Poole, Elisha C.      | Chairman Executive Committee |
| *Ruckel, C. Walter     |                              |
| Schmitz, Glenn J.      |                              |
| Scott, John W.         |                              |
| Sellers, Thomas D.     |                              |
| *Smeed, J.R.           |                              |
| Thomson Jr., Meldrim   |                              |
| Watson, J. Wayne       |                              |
| Wilbanks, Bruce A.     |                              |

## 2019 JBS NATIONAL COUNCIL

<https://www.jbs.org/national-council/>

### **AFRICAN AMERICAN JBS MEMBERS and ENDORSERS**

Former FBI informant Manning Johnson  
Former FBI informant Julia Clarice Brown  
Former FBI informant Lola Belle Holmes  
Former FBI informant Gerald Kirk  
Former FBI informant Leonard Patterson  
Pastor C. Fain Kyle (Conservative Christian Churches of America, Richmond CA)  
Rev. Uriah J. Fields (Montgomery AL)  
Rev. Henry Mitchell (Chicago IL)  
Rev. E. Freeman Yearling (National Negro Congress of Racial Pride Inc., West Hempstead NY)  
Rev. J.L. Ward (Memphis TN)  
Rev. Steven Craft (Baptist Minister, NJ)  
Gwendolyn Kyle (Richmond CA)  
Donald L. Jackson (Buffalo NY)  
Ezola B. Foster (2000 VP nominee, Reform Party)  
George S. Schuyler (African American columnist and author)  
Charles E. Smith (publisher, *Voice of Watts* – Los Angeles CA)  
Alvin D. Smith (publisher *Butler County OH American*)

### **OTHER JBS MEMBERS and ENDORSERS**

Actor Adolphe Menjou  
Actor Walter Brennan  
Actor Zasu Pitts  
Archibald Bulloch Roosevelt (Teddy Roosevelt's 5<sup>th</sup> son)  
Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice M.T. Phelps  
Clarence E. Manion (former Dean of Notre Dame University Law School)  
Taylor Caldwell (author)  
Westbrook Pegler (author and newspaper columnist)  
James C. Quayle (father of former Vice President Dan Quayle; Chairman, Huntington Newspapers, Inc.)  
Phillip Chandler (publisher of *Los Angeles Times*)  
Robert W. Stoddard (publisher, *Worcester MA Telegram & Gazette*)  
Myrian G. Brown (Editor and Publisher, *Tri-State News Advertiser*, Hurricane UT)  
Thomas J. Anderson (Editor and Publisher, *Farm and Ranch* magazine)  
Dr. Horace Greeley (great grandson of 18<sup>th</sup> century editor of *New York Tribune*)  
James J. Allman, Director Community Relations for St. Louis Police Dept  
T. Coleman Andrews (former IRS Commissioner and 1956 States' Rights Party Presidential candidate)  
Les Andrew (Vice-Chairman of United Republicans of California)  
H.L. Richardson (California State Senator and JBS Western Division spokesperson)  
George H. Klicka (Wisconsin Republican State Assemblyman, 20<sup>th</sup> District)  
Matt Shea (Washington State Representative, 4th Legislative District)  
Kenneth J. Merkel (Wisconsin State Assemblyman)  
J. Reese Hunter (Utah State Assembly)  
Clyde R. Lewis (Alaska State Senator and JBS National Council)  
Richard Middleton (member Virginia House of Delegates)  
Dr. Bruce L. Odou (Montebello CA City Council and then Mayor)  
Leo F. Kahian (Middleboro MA town selectman)  
Jack Seale (Mayor, Amarillo TX)  
Gov. Don Samuelson (Idaho)



Gov. J. Bracken Lee (Utah) (and former Mayor of Salt Lake City)  
Gov. Charles Edison (former Secretary of Navy and Governor of New Jersey)  
Gov. Meldrim Thompson (New Hampshire)  
Cong. Howard Buffet (Nebraska)  
Cong. Ron Paul (Texas)  
Cong. Helen Chenoweth-Hage (Idaho)  
Cong. Thomas H. Werdel (California and 1956 States' Rights Party candidate for Vice President)  
Cong. Wint Smith (Kansas)  
Cong. Edgar Hiestand (California)  
Cong. James B. Utt (California)  
Cong. James Simpson (Illinois)  
Cong. John G. Schmitz (California) ( and Presidential candidate, American Party)  
Cong. John Rousselot (California)  
Cong. Kit Clardy (Michigan)  
Cong. Larry McDonald (Georgia) (and leader of JBS after Robert Welch died)  
Denison Kitchel (Goldwater Campaign Manager)  
David A. Noebel (President, American Christian College)  
Garman O. Kimmel (founder Kimray Inc., inventor)  
Spruille Braden (U.S. Ambassador and former Assistant Secretary of State)  
Bryton Barron (U.S. State Department Historian)  
J. Evetts Haley (Texas historian and author)  
Dr. Charles C. Tansill (Georgetown University historian)  
Dr. Nathaniel E. Adamson (Boston surgeon and former Asst Medical Director, of New England Life Insurance Co.)  
Rev. Richard Ginder (Associate Editor *Our Sunday Visitor* and Editor of *The Priest*)  
Rev. Billy James Hargis (Founder and leader of Christian Crusade)  
Rev. Francis E. Fenton (JBS National Council member)  
Joseph Morecraft III (theologian)  
Ezra Taft Benson (Mormon Church leader and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture)  
R.J. Rushdoony (Christian Reconstructionism theologian)  
D.B. Lewis (owner, Dr. Ross Pet Foods)  
Alfred Kohlberg (Textile importer)  
Gary K. North (economic historian, Institute of Christian Economics)  
Mike Armstrong (New York Yankees pitcher)  
Dave Dravecky (San Diego Padres pitcher)  
Mark Thurmond (San Diego Padres pitcher)  
Eric Snow (San Diego Padres pitcher)  
Dan Smoot (former FBI Special Agent)  
W. Cleon Skousen (former FBI Special Agent)  
FBI informant Matt Cvetic  
Hedda Hopper (Hollywood gossip columnist)  
Morrie Ryskind (Broadway dramatist and lyricist)  
Col. Laurence E. Bunker (former personal aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur; JBS National Council member)  
Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers (US Army)  
Brig. Gen. William L. Lee (USAF)  
Brig. Gen. Robert Lee Scott Jr. (author, *God is My Co-Pilot*)  
Lt. Gen. Sumter L. Lowry (President, Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies)  
Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone (Commander 14th Airforce in China)  
Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond  
Maj. Gen. Robert Blake  
Vice Admiral C.S. Freeman  
Vice Admiral T.G.W. Settle  
Rear Adm. Paulus P. Powell  
Phyllis Schlafly (Eagle Forum, Stop ERA movement)

Fred Koch (President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Co.)  
Charles Koch (Koch Industries, Inc. and Cato Institute)  
Floyd G. Paxton (Kwik-Lok Co.)  
William Penn Patrick (CEO, Holiday Magic)  
Nelson Bunker Hunt (billionaire, Hunt Oil Co.)  
Harry L. Bradley (billionaire, co-founder Allen-Bradley Co.)  
Roger Milliken (billionaire, textile manufacturer, Milliken & Co.)  
William J. Grede (CEO Grede Foundries, Inc. and President Wisconsin Manufacturers Assn; head of international YMCA and JBS National Council member)  
Ernest W. Swigert (former President, National Manufacturers Assn; JBS National Council member)  
F. Gano Chance (CEO, A.B. Chance Co and former President Missouri Chamber of Commerce)  
Stillwell J. Conner (President, Conroth Company; JBS National Council member)  
Ralph E. Davis (President, General Plant Protection Co., JBS National Council member)  
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W.B. McMillian (President, Hussman Refrigerator Co.; JBS National Council member)  
Cola G. Parker (CEO, Kimberly-Clark Co and former President, NAM)  
Louis Ruthenberg (President and Chairman of Board, Servel, Inc.; former President Indiana State Chamber of Commerce)  
J. Nelson Shepherd (President, Midwest-Beach Co.; JBS National Council member)  
Paul H. Talbert (President, Paul H. Talbert Co; JBS National Council member)  
William R. Kent (CEO, Southern Air Services, Inc.)  
Edwin S. Dillard (President, Old Dominion Box Co.)  
Frank C. Brophy (Chairman AZ Central Bank, President Libby Fruit Packing Co.; JBS National Council member)  
Robert D. Love (Chairman of Board, Love Box Company; JBS National Council member)  
Dr. Paul Lindstrom (Christian Liberty Academy)  
Dr. Stanley Monteith (host of daily Radio Liberty program)

## JBS MEMBERS AND ENDORSERS

### SOURCE CODES

**AOMS = *American Opinion* magazine subscribers who recommended it as reliable in 1958. Many became JBS members later.**

**CSS = Calif Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities 1963 Report**

**JBCE = JBS Committee of Endorsers**

**JBFC = JBS Field Coordinators (1961)**

**JBHQ = John Birch Society HQ staff (1961)**

**JB I = JBS Incorporators**

**JBNC = JBS National Council (first members, 1960)**

**JRM = JBS Recruitment Memo (written just after 12/58 founding meeting in Indianapolis)**

**OCS = *Our Council Speaks* flyer published by JBS**

| NAME                                 | SOURCE                  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Capt. Stephen Abbott                 | OCS / CSS               |
| Dr. N.E. Adamson Jr.                 | JBNC                    |
| Dr. Lewis A. Alesen                  | CSS / JBCE              |
| Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond            | OCS / CSS               |
| Thomas J. Anderson                   | JRM / JBNC              |
| T. Coleman Andrews                   | JRM / JBNC              |
| Hugh H. Armstrong-Savannah GA        | JBCE / JBFC             |
| Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Atkinson      | OCS                     |
| Leonard Banowitz--Wichita KS         | JBFC                    |
| John U. Barr                         | OCS / JBCE              |
| Bryton Barron—Washington DC          | JBFC                    |
| Akard S Beall—Houston TX             | OCS / JBFC              |
| John T. Beatty                       | AOMS / JBCE             |
| P.C. Beezley—Seattle WA              | JBCE / JBFC             |
| Reed A. Benson                       | OCS                     |
| George S. Birch                      | OCS                     |
| Ethel Birch                          | OCS                     |
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| Matt Dassinger—Montana               | JBFC                    |
| Ralph E. Davis                       | JBNC                    |

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| David Harmon—Milwaukee WI                     | JBFC                    |
| Merwin K. Hart                                | JBCE                    |
| William Haviland (JBS Coordinator)            | JBHQ                    |
| Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hazeltigg               | OCS                     |
| A.G. Heinsohn Jr.                             | JRM / JBNC              |
| Dr. George J. Hess                            | OCS / JBCE              |

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| Frank E. Holman                               | AOMS                    |
| Estelle Hotin (Secy to Dr. Francis X. Gannon) | JBHQ                    |
| Dr. and Mrs. J.J. Hughes                      | OCS                     |
| Col. Tom R. Hutton                            | OCS / CSS / JBCE        |
| Irving E. Ingraham                            | OCS                     |
| Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Jenkins                | OCS                     |
| Phillip L. Jenkins                            | JBH                     |
| Richard Johnson—Green Bay WI                  | JBFC                    |
| Dr. Vernon P. Johnson                         | OCS                     |
| Rev. Francis Keane                            | OCS                     |
| Edward Kelley—Michigan                        | JBFC                    |
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| William LaVarre                               | AOMS                    |
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### **JBS members/supporters who were POLITICIANS or INFLUENTIAL WITHIN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS**

James J. Allman, Director Community Relations for St. Louis Police Dept – resigned to become JBS Coordinator for Missouri

Les Andrew, JBS member, was vice-chairman of United Republicans of California

Howard H. Buffet – father of Warren Buffet served as U.S. Congressman from 2nd CD of Nebraska, 1943-1949 and 1951-1953

John Rousselot held seat on Los Angeles County Central Republican Committee and was U.S. Congressman for 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in California

H.L. ("Bill") Richardson, JBS member, won seat in 1966 in California State Senate

John G. Schmitz, JBS member and subsequently National Council member, won California State Senate seat in 1964 and re-elected 1966; then won 11/70 special election for U.S. Congress in California 35<sup>th</sup> CD; in 1972 he was nominated for President by American Party.

George Klicka, JBS member, elected to Wisconsin State Assembly (circa 1966)

Kenneth J. Merkel, JBS member, elected and re-elected to Wisconsin State Assembly (circa 1966)

J. Reese Hunter, Utah JBS member, elected to Utah Assembly

C.R. Lewis, JBS member and National Council, elected to Alaska State Senate in 1966 and re-elected 1968

Dr. Bruce L. Odou, JBS member and Section Leader, elected 1963 to Montebello CA City Council and then Mayor 1965-1966

Leo F. Kahian, JBS member, elected town selectman in Middleboro MA

Charles Edison, JBS member and National Council, former Secretary of Navy and Governor of New Jersey

J. Bracken Lee, JBS endorser, Mayor of Salt Lake City and Governor of Utah

## **DEMOGRAPHIC INFO RE: JBS MEMBERSHIP**

### **1961**

In a May 1961 Robert Welch letter to attorney Neil McCarthy, Welch told McCarthy that approximately one-half of JBS membership was Catholic, one-half of the field staff was Catholic and two-thirds of the Home office employees (in Belmont MA) were Catholic.

### **1962**

April 4, 1962 Robert Welch letter to Verne Kaub:

"Actually, and I am sorry to say, we do not have too many Jews in the JBS. This is partly because a smaller percentage of the Jewish people in America as a whole are true conservatives, than of the total population. But it is even more because of the greater pressures and dirtier pressures, which are put on them, against standing up for what they believe...But when you get into the Zionist picture, I repeat that you cannot think any less of the whole government of Israel or of the whole Zionist conspiracy than I do; except that I think its relative importance in the total importance in the whole picture has greatly decreased over the past three decades. Some day...I should be glad to exchange views with you...as to what has really taken place since around 1905 when I think the Zionist conspiracy -- and from then on for perhaps two decades --- was practically the father of the International Communist Conspiracy. Today I personally think that the relationship is almost exactly reversed, and that the child had now so far outgrown the parent in size and strength and importance that the parent is in a relatively minor position. But this does not make Golda Meir or Ben-Gurion or any of their extremist followers in this country any less culpable.."

### **1963**

When the JBS opened its new Western Division HQ in San Marino, CA, JBS spokesperson H.R. (Bill) Richardson stated that 30% of JBS membership were registered as Democrats. [*San Marino CA Tribune*, 3/21/63, p8; "***Birchers Open Regional Office For All to See***"]

## **1965**

JBS founder and leader Robert Welch told a *Washington Post* reporter on 11/5/65 that “**1/10 of 1% of JBS members were Negro**” and Welch claimed that the JBS had 80,000-100,000 members which would mean about 80-100 black members. **However**, based upon JBS membership dues payments at that time, the JBS actually had only about 29,800 members in 1965 so if the percentage of black members mentioned by Welch was accurate, then the JBS only had about 30 black members.

## **1966**

**In February, Jewish members of the JBS founded the Jewish Society of Americanists (JSA).**

Honorary Chairman = Charles J. Bloch

Chairman = Joseph A. Siegel (Colorado Springs CO)

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Siegel owned J.A. Siegel and Associates. In December 1967, Siegel sent a letter to the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding American Civil Liberties Union which observed that: **“It is my considered opinion that the findings of an investigation by the HUAC may very well warrant placement of the ACLU on the Attorney General’s subversive list.”** [FBI-HQ file 61-190, serial #1180, 12/26/67 Siegel letter to HUAC Chairman Edwin Willis with copies to J. Edgar Hoover and Atty General Nicholas Katzenbach.]

### **JSA Vice-Chairmen**

Samuel L. Blumenfeld (Boston MA)

Dr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld. was a member of the JBS Speakers Bureau for several decades starting in the 1960s. He was a contributing editor of JBS magazines *The Review of The News* and *American Opinion* and *The New American*).

Vice-Chairman = Michael S. Kogan

Secretary = Mrs. Mildred Kaplan

### **National Advisory Council:**

Lillian Abrahams

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Charles Hartman

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Jack Ross

Loren Smith

Alan Stang

### **Doctors Committee:**

Chairman = Barney Finkel

Vice-Chairman = Harlan Sindell

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Joseph Katz

Howard Moses  
Seymour Weisman

## 2/18/66 article on JSA published by Jewish Telegraphic Agency

"Two Jews, who said they are members of the John Birch Society, announced here today that they are forming a new organization, called the Jewish Society of Americanists. The men are Samuel Blumenfeld an employee of the John Birch Society, in Boston; and Alan Stang, of New York, author of a book linking the civil rights movement with Communism.

They issued a statement of principles declaring that the society's aim will be '*to demonstrate to our fellow Americans and coreligionist that the Americanist principles, beliefs and aims of the John Birch Society are based on the very precepts of Judaism.*'

At a news conference they said that, since an announcement two weeks ago in a Birch Society publication that the Jewish group would be formed, '*several hundred*' Jews around the country have endorsed the move. Mr. Stang, declaring the title of the society a '*misnomer*', said the group will admit not only non-Jews but also non-members of the John Birch Society.

Thomas J. Davis, public relations manager for Eastern United States of the John Birch Society, claimed there are 1,000 Jews in the USA among the society's 100,000 members. Listed among the officers of the new group are Michael S. Kogan, chairman; Mr. Blumenfeld, vice-chairman; and W.C. Solomon, executive secretary. None of them is known in Jewish public life."

### 1967

On 3/7/67, JBS Public Relations Director John Rousselot claimed that the the JBS had **"about 400 Negro members"**

### 1968

The December 1968 issue of *the John Birch Society Bulletin* contains the text of a speech by Robert Welch entitled **"Looking Ahead"**. In his speech, Welch made the following observations re: the religious background of JBS membership. He also stated that these percentages also applied to **"our staff, our speakers, and our authors"**.

60% = Protestant  
40% = Catholic  
01% = Jewish

Welch also declared that: **"We have only a few hundred Negro members..."**

### 1972

JBS National Council member, Francis Fenton, stated during a 3/31/72 speech in Jackson MS that:

JBS had 100,000 members of whom **40% are Catholic**. He also reported that **"five of the 28 members of the Society's controlling council are Catholics..."**

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

### 1965

In an interview published by the *Chicago Daily News*, Welch stated that the JBS planned to spend between \$5 million to \$6 million that year. He also said the JBS had:

- 250 paid employees
- 5 Regional Offices and an East Coast (Belmont MA) and West Coast (San Marino CA) headquarters
- 360 bookstores (typically named American Opinion Libraries or Bookstores)

- 600 book titles offered in their American Opinion Bookstores Wholesale Catalog
- 4 publishing companies [Western Islands Publishing, Belmont Publishing Company, Robert Welch Inc., and American Opinion Libraries]
- \$11 million annual printing bill
- 40-page catalog of JBS-sponsored speakers (via American Opinion Speakers Bureau)

### **1982**

The JBS delivered petitions to Congress and to President Reagan and Vice President Bush containing 3 million signatures calling upon the United States to get out of the United Nations. Since 1975, the JBS claims to have sent Congress anti-UN petitions containing 11 million signatures

### **1983**

After suffering a stroke, Welch resigned as CEO of the JBS. He was 83 years old. He became Chairman Emeritus. Thomas N. Hill became JBS President and Cong. Lawrence McDonald became Chairman of the JBS. [UPI report, dated 3/14/83]

JBS Public Relations Director John F. McManus told the *Harvard University Crimson* that President Ronald Reagan was not a “**real conservative**”. He also is quoted as saying “**that the Society has very few Jewish or Black members**”

### **1986**

In annual financial report to Massachusetts Attorney General Office, the JBS reported \$8 million in liabilities and \$63,647 in assets. In 1984, the JBS reported \$9.1 million in liabilities and \$26,142 in assets. [New York Times, 9/1/86, page 24, “**John Birch Group Has Money Woes**”].

### **1986**

In June, Charles R. Armour became President of the JBS.

### **1988**

In December, Charles R. Armour retired as CEO of the JBS, after 2 years as its leader. Previously, he had been the JBS District Governor for Western States.

### **1989**

In January, G. Allen Bubolz became CEO of the JBS.

In the March issue of the *JBS Bulletin*, the JBS announced that it was consolidating its Belmont MA and San Marino CA headquarters offices and moving them to Appleton WI in the summer. The newly consolidated office would have 27 paid staff and a \$1 million payroll.

## **INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACTOID**

The following JBS-related item appears in 2001 book by Christopher Andrew entitled: ***The Sword and the Shield: The Mitrokhin Archive and the Secret History of the KGB***:

**"Like the CIA, the FBI was inevitably a major target of KGB active measures. Until the death of J. Edgar Hoover in 1972, many of these measures were personally directed against the Bureau's long-serving, aging and irascible Director. Service A employed three simple and sometimes crude techniques. The first was to portray Hoover as in league with extremists such as the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society, whose founder regarded even the former Republican President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, as a 'dedicated conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy'. Service A had acquired both some of the Society's stationery and samples of its leaders' signatures from its California headquarters to assist it in its forgeries. In November 1965 it fabricated a letter of good wishes from Hoover to the leader of the John Birch Society, reminding him that the FBI funds put at his disposal would enable the Society to open**

**several more branches."** [Christopher Andrew and Vasili Mitrokhin, "*The Sword and the Shield: The Mitrokhin Archive and the Secret History of the KGB*", Basic Books, 2001, pages 234-235]

Footnote 72 on page 617 documents this assertion by identifying the ultimate source being: Notes from Mitrokhin Papers: volume 6, ch 14, part 1

Volume 6 = Contemporary manuscript notes in Russian copied from FCD files (First Main Directorate or First Chief Directorate of the Committee for State Security), 1972-1974

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<https://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/archives/collections/papers-vasiliy-mitrokhin-1922-2004/>

**California JBS members who WON June 1964 GOP primary for their Congressional District:**

Chester C. Merriam aka Chet (Durham CA) – 2nd CD in northern California i.e. smallest northern countries e.g. Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa etc. (Merriam expelled from JBS 3/64)

35.4% of vote in 11/64 general election = 68,835

Robert George Muncaster (San Pedro CA) – 17th CD – Los Angeles

32.3% of vote in 11/64 general election = 45,688

James W. Williams Jr. (Porterville CA) – 18th CD – Kern, Kings and Tulare County

33.3% of vote in 11/64 general election = 60,523

**RAN BUT DID NOT WIN**

John A. Richardson (Contra Costa County CA) – 14th CD